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FURTHER INFORMATION ON CARGO SHIPMENTS TO CUBA IN SOVIET SHIPS

1. An additional eight Soviet merchant ships have been noted in COMINT en route Cuba since the publication of [REDACTED]. The following details concerning these ships are available. Read in six columns: Ship [C/S, Gross Tons]/Area of Departure/Port Declared/Cargo Declared/Known Cargo/Remarks.

KONTELES [UQTH, 4638]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx

MICHAIL URTISKIJ [ULCF, 4071]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/third trip; passenger ship MARIYA ULYANOVA [ULCH, 4071]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/third trip; passenger ship MSSURIJEK [UYIE, 9501]/Black Sea/Acreo/1850 long "technical material"/xxxx/possibly en route Cuba; second trip

ESTONIYA [UYIA, 4071]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/passenger ship

IL'YA MECHNIKOV [UPVW, 5065]/Black Sea/xxxx/xxxx/trucks sighted on deck/second trip

NIKOLAJ BURDENKO [UPVY, 5042]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/trucks sighted on deck/second trip

SOBOLEVO [USLZ, 3455]/Black Sea/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx

2. Four ships, previously reported as possibly en route Cuba, are now definitely known to be en route Cuba. [REDACTED]
These are the cargo ships METALLURG BARDIN [UMDP], SEVASTOPOL [UCJE], GRENBURG [UYXH], and METALLURG BAIKOV [UWQU].

3. The following cargo and passenger information, obtained from collateral sources, is available on ships previously reported en route Cuba: (a) ATNARSK [UVAD], five liquid storage tanks, six 2.5-ton trucks, an undetermined number of road graders, one cherry picker crane, two large wooden crates; (b) NIKOLAJ PIRGOV [UPVT], four trucks, two cranes, one bulldozer, and other miscellaneous deck cargo; (c) LESZAVODSK [UQIS], various types of army vehicles, including trucks, on deck; (d) KHMINSK [URTM], five tank trucks, two busses, four light trucks, nineteen large army trucks, three crane trucks, two truck tractors, two large wooden crates,

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fifty uniformed men; (e) KISLOVODSK [UINR], sixteen trucks.

4. In [REDACTED] an incorrect callsign and gross tonnage were given for the refrigerator ship SIMFEROPOL, which is currently en route Cuba from the Black Sea. The correct information is as follows: callsign, UBMY; gross tonnage, 5524.

5. The above mentioned ships bring to 129 the total number of Soviet dry cargo voyages begun and/or completed in the third (calendar) quarter of 1962. This number represents a total of 918,756 gross tons.

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